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Report of Treasurer and Selectmen.

The Treasurer and Selectmen Credit the Town for the year ending March 1, 1887, *as follows:—*

By list of taxes assessed Apr. 1, 1886,	$2,613.91
Dog tax,	29.00
5 per cent. gained on school-house tax,	18.29
Old bridge plank sold,	7.00
J. F. Morrill, tax of 1885,	508.90
" " 1884,	8.60
From County for support of poor,	247.05
Railroad tax,	8.71
Savings bank tax,	303.40
Literary fund,	53.76
Cash in treasury,	166.25
Cash of Thomas Hammond,	4.00
	$3,968.87

Disbursements of Treasurer.

Outstanding bills:	
Paid Sherburn W. Tilton, note in full,	$104.00
M. M. R. Mitchell, " "	262.83
Caleb Whittemore, " "	478.98
H. N. M. Morrison, on note,	15.00
Mary J. Mitchell, "	10.00
	$870.81

Support of Schools.

Paid School Board,	$526.79

Support of Poor.

Paid for Hezekiah and Sally Heath,	$156.00
" Grace A. Abel,	4.50
" John Q. Gault,	82.00
" Betsey Johnson,	22.13
" Clothes for Willard boy,	7.75
	$272.38

Town Officers' Bills.

Paid John E. S. Fifield, town clerk,	$15.00
E. L. Dalton, school board,	31.00
Geo. F. Fletcher, "	16.00
J. S. Morrison, "	3.00
D. S. Batchelder, supervisor,	6.00
C. Woodman, "	3.00
G. F. Fletcher, "	4.50
Lauren C. Tilton, collector,	45.00
H. W. Tilton, selectman,	48.00
Horace Sanborn, "	33.00
R. J. Pillsbury, "	34.75
J. S. Morrison, treasurer,	25.00
	$264.25

Highways and Bridges.

Paid H. H. Morrill, labor and plank,	$4.25
J. S. Morrison, work on Clay brook bridge,	2.51
S. R. Glover, labor and lumber on Union bridge in 1885,	24.93
Bradley T. Nichols, lumber on Union bridge in 1885,	6.25
J. L. Morrison, labor Clay brook bridge,	.75
J. B. Hughes, lumber on " "	9.20
" " labor " "	8.20
H. Sanborn, labor on Heath bridge,	23.00
S. R. Glover, labor on Brown road,	7.00
S. Fletcher, labor on Cass road,	.75
C. H. Heath, labor and lumber on Brown bridge in 1885,	14.50
R. T. Mitchell, labor on Union bridge 1885,	3.00
D. B. Mitchell, lumber, 1885,	4.67
C. Woodman, labor, powder and fuse on Heath bridge,	10.30
J. M. Cross, breaking road in C. H. Dicey district,	6.37
H. R. Brown, breaking new road,	8.95
A. H. Carpenter, labor on Heath bridge,	7.50
D. B. Clement, jr., breaking new road,	7.45
" " breaking road is S. R. Glover's district,	1.50
D. B. Clement, jr., bridge plank,	3.34
" " on new rood,	2.85
N. P. Smith, labor on new road,	5.70
H. Sanborn, " "	11.75
" " bridge plank and lumber,	11.00
Uriel Pike, lumber and labor on road,	4.96
J. H. Fogg, oxen on Heath bridge,	6.25
J. M. V. Dalton,	1.50
R. J. Pillsbury, on roads, bridges and town house,	12.60
J. E. S. Fifield, labor on road,	5.78
H. Sanborn, labor on road,	1.50
	$218.31

Miscellaneous.

Paid R. W. Musgrove, printing town reports,	$12.00
" " " check lists,	3.50
" " " school notices, certificates and tax bills,	2.20
State tax,	276.00
County tax,	277.49
C. Woodman, use of watering trough,	3.00
Dr. G. H. Calley, returns of births and deaths,	.75
Dr. A. R. Garrey, " " "	.50
John E. S. Fifield, " marriages. births and deaths for 1885 and 1886,	6.45
Charles Woodman, making affidavits,	1.50
Surveyor's and collector's books, stationery, &c.,	4.73
Express and postage,	1.00
Making, acknowledging and recording deed,	2.00
Selectmen's expenses,	16.05
	$607.17

Abatement of Taxes Assessed April 1, 1886.

Urial Pike, loss of stock,	1.29
W. H. Nelson,	2.35
James H. Nelson,	2.35
Wm. S. Nelson,	2.35
Charles Loveland,	2.35
Wm. Waldron,	2.35
James B. Hughes, dog tax,	1.00
John L. Morrison, loss stock,	1.00
Scott Fletcher,	.54
Mary A. Bean heirs,	.57
	$16.15
Abatement of taxes of 1885,	$46.65

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount received,		$3,968.87
Paid outstanding bills,	$870.81	
Support of schools,	526.79	
" poor,	272.38	
Town officers' bills,	264.25	
Highways and bridges,	218.31	
Miscellaneous,	607.17	
Abatements,	16.15	
Non-resident highway worked,	47.92	
Due on Collectors' books,	255.87	
Cash in Treasury,	889.22	
		$3,968.87

Demands against the Town.

Nathan Chapman,	$406.59
Mary J. Mitchel,	700.19
Hattie N. Morrison,	129.36
D. B. Clement,	1,552.05
George F. Fletcher,	159.07
Lydia R. Clement,	198.31
C. M. Barnard,	842.32
Eliza A. Johnson,	503.47
Almira Huckins,	233.74
D. B. Clement, jr.,	350.21
	$5,075.31

Assets of the Town.

Due from County,	86.13
Due on Collector's book for 1882.	2.10
" " " 1883,	3.79
" " " 1874,	1.85
" " " 1885,	61.74
" " " 1886,	255.87
Due from C. H. Spiller,	10.00
Value of land,	100.00
Due from Webster and others, cost in bridge case,	13.50
	534.98
Cash in treasury,	889.22
Total assets of the town,	$1,424.20
Demands against the town,	$5,075.31
Assets of the town,	1,424.20
Indebtedness of the town March 1, 1887,	$3,651.11

Indebtedness March 1, 1886,	$4,708.12
" " 1887,	3,651.11
Debt diminished,	$1,057.01

J. S. MORRISON, *Treasurer.*

H. W. TILTON,
H. SANBORN,
R. J. PILLSBURY, } *Selectmen of Bridgewater.*

Report of School Board.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Two terms of school, both under the instruction of Miss ADDIE C. WOODMAN, whose record as a teacher is so well known. It is seldom one teacher can keep the same school as long as Miss Woodman has, and still give good satisfaction; but No. 1 seems to know when it has got a good teacher, and does not desire a change. The first term of eight weeks commenced May 10. Whole number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 10; studying reading, 10; spelling, 10; penmanship, 2; arithmetic, 8; geography, 5; grammar, 1; history, 1; drawing, 5; vocal music, 10. Roll of honor: Inez I. Heath, Edna F. Woodman, Clara Belle Wiser, Amy M. Spiller, Clara M. Woodman, Cora M. Woodman, James Spiller, Leon A. Woodman. Wages of teacher per month, including board, $20.

The second term of nine weeks began Nov. 1. Whole number of scholars, 21; average attendance, 17; studying reading, 20; spelling, 20; penmanship, 3; arithmetic, 14; geography, 8; grammar, 3; history, 3; vocal music, 20; physiology, 1;

algebra, 1. Roll of honor: Clara B. Wiser, Clara M. Woodman, Cora M. Woodman, Elmer P. Wiser, Leon A. Woodman, Leland B. Mitchell. Wages of teacher per month, including board, $22.

District No. 2.

One term of eleven weeks, commencing Apr. 19, taught by Miss Augusta C. Sargent, of Plymouth, a teacher of large experience. I visited this school twice. The scholars made good improvement, showing thoroughness in the branches taught. One little one deserves special mention for improvement in reading. There being no school-house Mr. Ferrin furnished school room this year. Whole number of scholars, 8; average attendance, 6; studying reading, 8; spelling, 8; penmanship, 3; arithmetic, 6; geography, 6; grammar, 2; drawing, 8. Roll of honor: Myra Brown, Frank Brown, Joseph H. Morrison, Edna Morrison. Wages of teacher per month, $12; board per month, $4. Whole amount of school money, $44.

District No. 3.

Two terms of school. The first term of eight weeks commenced May 10, under the instruction of Miss Minnie F. Chandler, of Plymouth, who has taught this school before. Miss Chandler is a very pleasant teacher, while she maintains good order in the school-room. Whole number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 10; studying reading, 11; penmanship, 11; spelling, 11; arithmetic, 10; geography, 9; grammar, 2; physiology, 4. Roll of honor: Abbie F. Batchelder, Sadie H. Batchelder, Carrie M. Dalton, Anna A. Dalton, Cora A. Dalton. Wages of teacher per month, $12. Board given.

The second term of thirteen weeks, commencing Nov. 1, was taught by Miss Mary A. Morrill, of this town, who is well known as one of our best teachers. We expected a good school, and were not disappointed. The closing examination was attended by parents and friends, all of whom were well pleased with the progress made. Whole number of scholars,

16; average attendance, 14; studying reading, 16; spelling, 16; geography, 10; grammar, 5; composition, 2; book-keeping, 2. Roll of honor: Charlie Small, Sam Pillsbury, Anna Dalton, Mary Batchelder, and Archie Nichols. The last two were on the roll of honor last winter, but were not reported, through mistake. Wages of teacher per month, $16. Board and wood given by the district amounting in value to twenty cents per week for each scholar. For this reason Archie Nichols paid tuition, $2.25. Whole amount of school money, $70. Money from former committee, $4.

District No. 5.

One term of eleven weeks, commencing Oct. 18, was taught by Miss Flora M. Sargent. This was Miss Sargent's first attempt at teaching, and she was very anxious to succeed. The last part of the term was badly broken up by sickness, but the closing examination of the few scholars present showed all the improvement that could be expected. Whole number of scholars, 5; average attendance, 4; studying reading, 5; spelling, 5; penmanship, 5; arithmetic, 5; geography, 4; grammar, 3; composition, 3; drawing, 4. Roll of honor: Winfred Gilpatric, Wages of teacher per month, $12. Board per month, $8. Whole amouutof school money, $55.

District No. 7.

One term of fourteen weeks, commencing Aug. 16, under the instruction of Miss Minnie E. Meloon, of Meredith. This was an excellent school in every respect. The advancement was not only rapid but very thorough. Whole number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 8; studying reading, 9; spelling, 9; penmanship, 8; arithmetic, 10; geography, 5; grammar, 5; history, 1; physiology, 1; bookkeeping, 1. Roll of honor: Myra Clement. Wages of teacher per month, $14. Board per month, $6.

District No. 8.

This school began May 10, Miss Mary A. Morrill, teacher.

After teaching two weeks it was thought better to close, as it was found that there were only three scholars in the district that could conveniently attend at that season of the year. Whole number of scholars, 4; average attendance, 4; studying reading, 4; Arithmetic, 4: spelling, 4; penmanship, 4; geography, 2. Roll of honor: Agnes M. Dolloff, Frank H. Tilton and Harry Pike. Wages of teacher per month, including board, $20.

The second term of fourteen weeks, commencing Sept. 6, was under the instruction of Miss Mary E. Bennett, of Gilford, a teacher of much experience, having taught, I believe, some twenty terms. I visited this school at the commencement, and should have done so at the close, had the weather and traveling permitted. I have no doubt that it was a good school. Whole number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 10; studying reading, 7; spelling, 9; penmanship, 6; arithmetic, 8; geography, 6; grammar, 9; rhetoric, 2; algebra, 3; philosophy, 2; natural history, 2. Roll of honor: Agnes M. Dolloff and Alice M. Tilton. Wages of teacher per month, $20. Board per month, $8. Whole amount of school money, $108.

District No. 10.

One term of eight weeks commenced Aug. 23, taught by Miss Alice B. Ames, of Ashland, who kept a good school. Whole number of scholars, 5; average attendance, 5; studying reading, 5: spelling, 5; penmanship, 5; arithmetic, 3; geography, 2. Wages of teacher per month, $12. Board given. Whole amount of school money, $24.

Union District No. 1.

First term of six weeks began May 10, taught by Miss Alice B. Ames, the teacher of No. 10. I visited this school twice and was well pleased. Whole number of scholars, 6; average attendance, 6; studying reading, 6; spelling, 6; penmanship, 6; arithmetic, 6; geography, 3. Roll of honor: Nora B.

Mitchell, Ethel S. Mitchell, Ora A. Nichols. Wages of teacher per month, $11. Board per month, $5.40.

The second term, with the same teacher, commenced Oct. 18, with the intention of schooling out what money the former committee had on hand, and twenty-five dollars that the Plymouth School Board reported as due this school last March, but after keeping two weeks and two days, it was found there was a difficulty in collecting the latter; so we were obliged to close the school. Number of scholars and their studies the same as those of the former term. Roll of honor: Ralph W. Nichols, Willis E. Martin, Ora A. Nichols, Nora B. Mitchell, Ethel S. Mitchell. Wages of teacher per month, $12. Board per month, $5.40. Whole amount of school money, $24. Amount received from former committee, $9.74.

In closing our report we will say that agreeable to the desire expressed at the school meeting last March, we have made as few changes as possible. In No. 9 there were only three or four scholars and the school-house was in such condition that it seemed better to unite it with No. 1. Former Union district and No. 10 were kept at different times and by the same teacher in order to give the scholars the benefit of both schools and most of those who were old enough to travel the distance availed themselves of the privilege.

In regard to teachers we have endeavored to secure experienced ones and in nearly every instance have been fortunate enough to do so. As for school books, we have found it necessary to introduce new readers; the old ones had been in use a long time, and some schools were badly classed in consequence, there being three or four different kinds of readers in the same school.

We think one great trouble with our district schools is too many classes, and in many instances this can not be avoided, but should not be caused by different text books. The books now used in this town are Swinton's readers, Monroe's speller, Robinson's arithmetics, Harper's grammar by Wm. Swinton,

and Warren's geographies in most of the schools. In No. 3, Harper's geographies are used, and in some schools we find both. One book is as good as the other only they should be alike in the same school, especially where they will class. We have found it very difficult to decide the best season of the year to commence some of the schools as what would accommodate one would prove a disadvantage to another. We would recommend that the parents decide among themselves when they would like to have their school commence and inform us as early as convenient. We believe you are able to decide this question much better than we can.

EMILY L. DALTON,
J. S. MORRISON,
GEORGE F. FLETCHER, } Board of Education.

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